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In attempting to meet with the new trend in high school yearbooks, that is, having the yearbook represent the *school* rather than the *seniors*—we have been faced with sundry trials and tribulations, and out of them has emerged this book. It is our contention that by putting greater emphasis on pictures we can best present to you Smith Academy—our activities, our surroundings, our classrooms. We hope that in this small way we can preserve in our memory our cherished high school days. With grateful appreciation to those who have helped us, especially to our advisor, Mr. Cassidy, allow us to offer you this 1949 PURPLE AND WHITE ECHO.





## Dedication

We sincerely dedicate this yearbook to John F. Symancyk—teacher, coach, and friend. Through all our years in Smith Academy, Mr. Symancyk has taught us sportsmanship in our physical education classes and leadership in our subject classes. He has listened to our problems attentively and has given us friendly advice with which we have easily solved those problems. Mr. Symancyk has willingly given his time and experience in sports to add to the enjoyment of the student body. We shall sincerely miss Mr. Symancyk. Coming from the Senior Class, it's, "Thanks a million, Mr. Symancyk, and carry on the good work."

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Mr. Jakobek, principal of Smith Academy for three years, 1946-1949, has gained the lasting admiration and appreciation of all students. He has helped, and is helping, many with the guidance program he has instituted. We who are leaving S. A. this year will remember him as an excellent principal and teacher, and those of us who will remain are looking forward to more of his help and guidance.

Miss Ryan, our home room teacher, has been a great help and inspiration to us all through our high school years. Besides teaching English, she has helped the Juniors and the prize-speakers with their declamations each year. She has devoted much of her time and effort coaching those in the Senior play. Miss Ryan has also been active in helping us publish the school paper and is the Sophomore Class advisor.



Mr. Symancyk, besides teaching two regular classes every day, and coaching soccer and baseball, is also the physical education instructor in both the high school and the grammar school. Mr. Symancyk has done a wonderful job in all these assignments, and has also been very helpful in other activities, particularly in arranging the Good Government Day program.

Mrs. Muller, who teaches French, Geometry, and Algebra I, is also coach of the girls' basketball team. A very versatile person, she is also our class advisor. We hope the incoming Freshman Class will find her as wonderful a class advisor as we have found her.





Mrs. Pruzynski, of the commercial department, has been an indispensable helper to the editors of the school paper. She and her typing students have done a marvelous job, and the students of Smith Academy certainly appreciate her advice and assistance. Mrs. Pruzynski is also the Junior class advisor.

Mr. Cassidy, a newcomer to Smith Academy, has indeed been an addition to the faculty. He teaches Commercial English, Bookkeeping, Elective Typing, and Shorthand I. His ability as a basketball coach has been proved by the progress our inexperienced basketball team made as the season drew to a close. Mr. Cassidy is also the faculty advisor to this year-book and much credit is due him for his splendid work.



Mrs. Spakowski is our household arts instructor. She also teaches Biology, General Science, and World History. She is our Student Council advisor, and has been extremely helpful with arrangements for the Council projects. She has directed the H. A. girls, who have put on some wonderful parties and has been advisor to the Freshman Class.

Mr. Feiker, another newcomer to Smith Academy, is a wonderful "Aggie" teacher, as we gather from reports by those "Aggie" boys of his. We hope that Mr. Feiker and his jeep will be a common sight around Smith Academy for many years to come.



## Yearbook Staff



Seated: Mildred Toczko, Lucy Zawacki, Kay O'Neal, Teresa Nartowicz, Barbara Ryan, Dorothea Fortsch, Joyce Cantwell, Ann Kennedy.

Standing: Patricia Mullins, Virginia Yarrows, Carole Howard, Bernard Saydlowski, Advisor Edward Cassidy, Roger Wendoloski, Carol Levitre, Mary Belden, Walter Moskowitz.

Not in Picture: Robert Breor.

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<i>Co-Editors</i> .....	Barbara Ryan, Roger Wendoloski
<i>Associate Editors</i> .....	Mary Belden, Bernard Saydlowski
<i>Literature</i> .....	Joyce Cantwell, Ann Kennedy, Teresa Nartowicz, Carol Levitre
<i>Pictures</i> .....	Lucy Zawacki, Virginia Yarrows, Dorothea Fortsch, Kay O'Neal
<i>Business Managers</i> .....	Walter Moskowitz, Patricia Mullins, Mildred Toczko, Carole Howard, Robert Breor



EDWARD BETSOLD

*"Yedy"*

Classical: Chorus 1-2-3-4. Boys' Glee Club 1-2-3-4. Class President 4. Class Vice President 3. Class Treasurer 2. Basketball 4. Soccer 4. Thespians 3-4. Senior Play 3-4. President of Thespians 4. Prize Speaking 3. School Paper 2-3-4. Washington Trip 4.

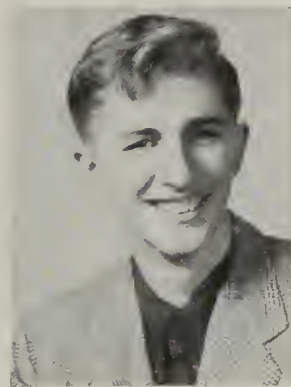
Popular guy around . . . born comedian . . . Springfield Hospital . . . Westfield, here I come!!

ROBERT BREOR

*"Turk"*

Classical: Thespians 2-3-4. Senior Play 2-3. Vice President of Thespians 4. Baseball 2. Soccer 2. Prize Speaking 3. Boys' Glee Club 1-2-3. Music 1-2-3. School Paper 2-3. Yearbook 3-4. Washington trip 4.

"Yedy's" buddy . . . Friendly . . . Aeronautics wizard . . . Only Senior in the National Guard . . . Heart in Hadley . . . Charge!!



ALICE CYBULSKI

*"Al"*

General: Music 1-2-3-4. Girls' Glee Club 1-2-3-4. Girls' Basketball 1-2-4. Manager, Girls' Basketball 4.

Nice to know . . . Good to have around . . . Agreeable . . . Heart interest in Hadley.

NANCY HOLLEY

*"Slim"*

General: Music 1-2-3-4. Girls' Glee Club 1-2-3-4. Basketball 1-3. Manager 1.

Good sense of humor . . . "Tell her off" . . . Jolly laugh . . . Friendly disposition . . . "Curly" unknown "yet."





CAROLE HOWARD

*"Blushy"*

Classical: Music 1-2-3-4. Girls' Glee Club 1-2-3-4. School Paper 2-3-4. Yearbook 3-4. Thespians 3-4. Girls' Basketball 2. Washington Trip 4.

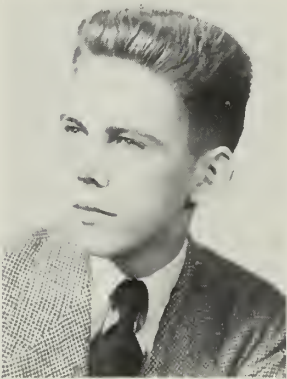
Blushes easily . . . Square dances . . . Navy . . . Sociable Army . . . Cute laugh.

IRENE MACIOROWSKI

*"Creaky"*

General: Music 1-2-3-4. Girls' Glee Club 1-2-3-4. Prize Speaking 3.

Happy-Go-Lucky . . . Infectious laugh . . . Polish dances . . . Food . . . The Wildcat . . . Comment!



WALTER MOSKOWICZ

*"Wadj"*

Classical: Music 1-2-3-4. Boys' Glee Club 1-2-3-4. School paper 4. Yearbook 3-4. Baseball 1. Basketball 4. Co-Captain Basketball 4. Prize Speaking 3. (Second prize). Thespians 4. Senior Play 4. President of Boys' Glee Club 4. Class Vice President 4. Senator, Good Government Day 4. Washington Trip. Sports minded . . . Sociable . . . Ladies' man . . . Gets confused on subways.

PATRICIA MULLINS

*"Pat"*

Classical: Basketball 1-2-3-4. Student Council 4. Yearbook 3-4. School Paper 1-2-3-4. Thespians 3-4. Senior Play 3-4. Girls' Glee Club 1-2-3-4. Music 1-2-3-4. Washington Trip 4. Class Secretary 4. Prize Speaking 3.

Sports minded . . . Neat dresser . . . Smooth dancer . . . Man hater??? . . . Favorite pastime—sleeping . . . Heartbreaker . . . Nice personality.





TERESA NARTOWICZ

*"Dusty"*

Commercial: Music 1-2-3-4. Girls' Glee Club 1-2-3-4. School Paper 3-4. Yearbook 4. Girls' Basketball 3-4. Class Treasurer 4. Washington Trip 4.

Partial to Rays . . . Square dances . . . Noticeable giggle . . . Likes school . . . Sense of humor . . . Drum Corps Competitions . . . She and "Barb."

KATHERINE O'NEAL

*"Kay"*

General: Girls' Glee Club 1-2-3-4. Music 1-2-3-4. School Paper 3-4. Yearbook 3-4. Thespians 3-4. Senior Play 3-4. Prize Speaking 3 (first prize). Class President 3. Vice President of Girls' Glee Club 4. Secretray-Treasurer of Thespians 3.

Loves Problems . . . Heart is in Hamp . . . Just loves book-keeping . . . Kresge's . . . She and "Carole."



ALVIN REJNIAK

*"Ace"*

General: Music 1-2-3-4. Boys' Glee Club 1-2-3-4. Soccer 2-4. President of the Hatfield Chapter of Future Farmers of America 4.

Big game hunter . . . Owns a jet-propelled "Mooler" . . . Knows what good times are . . . Artistically inclined . . . School was made to be enjoyed . . . Known also as Mr. Blink.

BARBARA RYAN

*"Barb"*

Classical: Girls' Glee Club 1-2-3-4. Music 1-2-3-4. School Paper 2-3-4. Yearbook 3-4. Co-Editor of Yearbook 4. Thespians 3-4. Pro Merito 3-4. Prize Speaking 3. Girls' Basketball 3. Class Secretary 2. President of Pro Merito 4. Washington Trip 4. Valedictorian!

Freddy . . . Square dances . . . Clothes . . . Roller coasters . . . French fries . . . Food! . . . She and "Teresa."





MILDRED TOCZKO

*"Milly"*

Commercial: Girls' Glee Club 1-2-3-4. Music 1-2-3-4. School Paper 2-3. Yearbook 3-4. Class President 1. D.A.R. Girl 4. Class Secretary 3. Girls' Basketball 1. Washington Trip 4. Class Vice-President 2.

Nice to know . . . Friendly . . . Gift of gab . . . Likes to pilot the Land Cruiser . . . Secretary of the T.I.A.

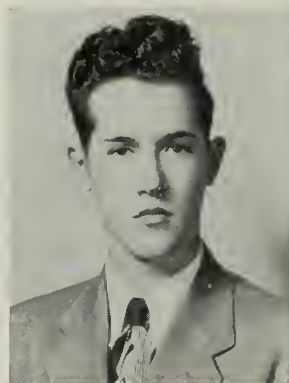
ROGER WENDOLOSKI

*"Young Smack"*

Classical: Boys' Glee Club 1-2-3-4. Music 1-2-3-4. School Paper 3-4. Yearbook 3-4. Co-Editor of Yearbook 4. Thespians 3-4. Senior Play 3-4. Manager, Basketball 3. Student Council 3-4. Secretary-Treasurer, Student Council 4. Prize Speaking 3 (first prize). Class President 2. Boys' State Delegate 3. Washington Trip 4.

Romeo . . . Interested in school affairs . . . Ladies' man . . .

Brains?? . . . Always complaining . . . "I will not let school interfere with my education."



VIRGINIA YARROWS

*"Gina"*

Classical: Basketball 1-2-3-4. Student Council 1-2-4. Yearbook 3-4. School Paper 1-2-3-4. Thespians 3-4. Senior Play 3-4. Girls' Glee Club 1-2-3-4. Music 1-2-3-4. Washington Trip 4.

Talking . . . Food . . . Clothes . . . TED . . . Square dances . . . Holyoke . . . Chemistry??

LUCY ZAWACKI

*"Stretch"*

Commercial: Basketball 1-2-3. School Paper 2-3. Yearbook 4. Prize Speaking 3 (second prize). Glee Club 1-2-3-4. Treasurer of Girls' Glee Club 4. Music 1-2-3-4. Class Secretary 1. Class Treasurer 3. Pro Merito 3. Washington Trip 4.

Shy??? . . . Tall men . . . Square dances . . . "Heavy eater" . . . Smooth dancer . . . Friendly.



## Cheer Leaders



CAROL LEVITRE

DOROTHEA FORTSCH

PHYLLIS KOCHAN

MARILYN PELC

JOYCE CANTWELL

NANCY BARSH

## Ex-Seniors

JOSEPHINE FOSTER  
DOROTHY GODZINA  
MARTIN HOLICH  
JOSEPH KLIMCYZK  
JEAN KOBYERA  
JOHN KOVALSKI

SAMUEL KUKUCKA  
ROBERT LABBEE  
MARY LaROCQUE  
STEPHANIE MASLOWSKI  
ALICE PANICZKO  
MICHAEL PANICZKO

EDWARD SLYSZ  
THOMAS SMITH  
JOHN TOCZKO  
PAULINE VACHULA  
FRANCES WOODWARD

## Washington Trip



1—Lo and Behold

2—Capital

3—Smile Please!

4—Giny, Milly, and Lucy

Eleven excited Smith Academy Seniors, including Robert Breor, Roger Wendolowski, Walter Moskowitz, Edward Betsold, Carole Howard, Barbara Ryan, Teresa Nartowicz, Patricia Mullins, Mildred Toczko, Virginia Yarrows and Lucy Zawacki, rolled out of bed bright and early on the morning of April 16, to be sure they would not miss that most important train leaving Northampton at 6:55 A. M. (This was one morning we didn't mind getting up early.) At the station, we met our chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Battey, and also ten students from Hopkins Academy. The train soon pulled into the station, we all got on and were on our way to the great city of Washington. We changed trains in Springfield, boarding a train going straight to New York City. Amid our laughing and singing

we didn't mind the traveling at all and before we knew it we were at Grand Central Station. After walking through the spacious station, we went out into the street and walked a short distance to the bus terminal. Here we waited for about an hour for a bus which took us to the pier of the Jersey City ferry. While crossing the Hudson River, we could see the beautiful Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island. After arriving in Jersey City, we got on a train going straight through to Washington. After having luncheon in the dining car, we settled down for the remainder of the trip. We arrived at Union Station in Washington shortly after 7:00 P. M., having been held up in Philadelphia for an hour. A motor coach was waiting to take us to the Lafayette Hotel, where accommodations were pro-



1—Madhouse

2—Assault

3—Guys and Gals

4—Nice car!

vided on the basis of four persons to a room with bath, and all meals in the dining room. After we had been assigned to rooms, we unpacked some of our clothes, freshened up a bit, and went down to dinner. During the meal the group decided to go to a movie that evening. We saw "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." We got back to the hotel about 11:00 P. M., but most of the group didn't get to bed until early morning.

On Easter Sunday, April 17, we got up early to be ready for breakfast at 7:30 A. M. After breakfast we boarded our chartered bus and met our likable and unforgettable guide, Gay Concoleman, who pointed out interesting things on our way to the Franciscan Monastery. The entire group attended nine o'clock Mass. After Mass we were taken on an interesting tour

through the church, where we saw replicas of the tombs of the Holy Land. Before luncheon we were taken to the famous Zoological Gardens where we saw the world's famous and most complete collection of animals, birds, and reptiles. Following luncheon at the hotel, a bus tour of the city was made, during which embassies, foreign legations, famous homes and public buildings were pointed out. At Arlington we visited the National Cemetery, the Curtis Le<sup>9</sup> Mansion, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where we saw the changing of the guard, and the Memorial Amphitheatre. Continuing on through historic Alexandria, Virginia, we visited Mount Vernon, the ancestral home of America's first President. On the way back to the hotel a stop was made at the Lincoln Memorial. After dinner

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## Class History

### Friends and Classmates:

We shall never forget our years here at Smith Academy. Our first day in high school, initiation, prize speaking, the dances, sports, D.R. sessions, exams, and the Washington trip—memories of these events always will bring a smile to our faces and to our lips the words, "I wish that I were back in S. A.!"

As strangers in new territory, we entered the Freshmen Class in 1945 with twenty-six pupils. At our first class meeting the following officers were elected: president, Mildred Toczko; vice president, Lucy Zawacki; secretary, Frances Woodward; and treasurer, Alice Paniczko. The class was ably guided by faculty advisors Mrs. Muller and Mr. Bart. At first, adjustment to the new surroundings and procedures was difficult; but we gradually got into the "swing" of things. Our activities were limited to one dance, which was not exactly as successful as we hoped it would be. One of the events which stand bright in our memory was the Freshmen Reception given by the class of '47. We were given a royal welcome by the entire student body and we all had a wonderful time. We think of our Freshmen year as one of the most exciting years in our lives.

With the Sophomore year came more complicated problems and more activities. We all agree that our Sophomore year was outstanding in difficult subjects, or perhaps our minds weren't on school all the time in this very trying year. Our class advisor for this year was Mrs. Muller, and class officers were: president, Roger Wendoloski; vice president, John Toczko; secretary, Barbara Ryan; and treasurer, Edward Betsold. This year it was upon our shoulders to give the annual Halloween party—and how very pleased we were with the results of the fun-filled

evening! Later in the year, when the seniors refused the opportunity to sponsor the spring prom, a group of active sophomores took it upon themselves to carry out the plans for the June social, which proved to be quite worthwhile. At the end of this term, weary of our difficult problems, we were happy to see our Sophomore year pass.

Feeling more grown up and superior, we entered the Junior class full of spirit. Class officers chosen this year were: president, Kay O'Neal; vice president, Edward Betsold; secretary, Mildred Toczko; and treasurer, Lucy Zawacki. Mrs. Muller served as our class advisor. Early in the year, we sponsored the Freshmen Reception which the Freshmen seemed to enjoy. The Junior year was one of fun and interest although it was disliked by some because of the public speaking requirement.

Sixteen of us came back in September, 1948, as Seniors, to begin what proved to be the best of our four years. We elected the following officers: president, Edward Betsold; vice president, Walter Moskowicz; secretary, Patricia Mullins; and treasurer, Teresa Nartowicz. Mrs. Muller was our class advisor. Roger Wendoloski, Patricia Mullins, and Virginia Yarrows were on the Student Council, and Edward Betsold and Walter Moskowicz participated in various sports throughout the year. Besides sponsoring a successful square dance as a means of raising money, some of us participated in presenting the Senior Class play. The happiest event of the entire year was our trip to Washington, D. C., and New York. Those of us who went had such a wonderful time that we wish we could relive those happy hours, especially that night in New York. Remember? But June and graduation are here, and we are leaving Smith Academy after four happy years.

## Junior Class



Seated: Antoinette Neilson, Dorothea Fortsch, Mary Belden, Carol Levitre, John Barrett, Joyce Cantwell, Ann Kennedy, Joan Moriarty.

Standing: George Coor, Helen Backiel, Robert Widelo, Janet Vollinger, Bernard Saydlowski, Mrs. Pruzinski, Phyllis Pelis, Francis Holhut.

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The Junior Class elected the following officers to serve for the year: president, John Barrett; vice president, Mary Belden; treasurer, Joyce Cantwell; secretary, Carol Levitre.

During the year the class sold refreshments at the home basketball games; because this was so well handled they were given the concession at the weekly Saturday night square dances.

We had the honor of having three of our Junior girls elected for cheerleading: Carol Levitre, Joyce Cantwell, and Dorothea Fortsch.

Juniors in the annual Prize Speaking Contest were: Antionette Neilson, George Coor, Ann Kennedy, Mary Belden, John Barrett, Dorothea Fortsch, Robert Widelo, Joan Moriarty, and Bernard Saydlowski. Joan Moriarty and Bernard Saydlowski were the first prize winners; Ann Kennedy and John Barrett won second.

## Sophomore Class



Seated: Marilyn Pelc, Eleanor Vollinger, Donald Breor, Robert Hojnoski, Francis Godin, Phyllis Kochan, Dorothy Goodwin.

Standing: Henry Kabat, Eugene LaFrance, Patricia Mason, Mildred Novak, Miss Ryan, Nancy Barsh, David Omasta, Stanley Pitchko.

Not in Picture: Chester Foster.

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On September 20, the Sophomore Class held its first meeting, for the purpose of electing class officers. Miss Ryan, the class advisor, was in charge of the election.

It was voted that Robert Hojnoski be the president of the class; Donald Jandzinski, vice president; Francis Godin, secretary; and Donald Breor, treasurer. The class elected as Student Council representative Chester Foster. Dues were set at 25 cents per month, with payments starting in October.

On October 5, the class held a meeting to decide on class rings, which were ordered at that time and were delivered in May. The class sponsored the annual Halloween party, which

proved to be a success. Music was provided by Peter Adamcik's Orchestra.

The Sophomore boys who participated in sports events were Donald Jandzinski, Robert Hojnoski, Henry Kabat, and Chester Foster. The girls' basketball team had the following Sophomore players: Nancy Barsh, Dorothy Goodwin, Phyllis Kochan, Patricia Mason, Marilyn Pelc. Three of these girls, Nancy Barsh, Phyllis Kochan, and Marilyn Pelc, were also elected as cheerleaders in the varsity basketball season. Dorothy Goodwin and Phyllis Kochan also had parts in the Senior play. In the annual Prize Speaking Contest Donald Jandzinski was the only Sophomore speaking.

## Freshman Class



Seated: Gladys Smith, Margaret Englehardt, Teresa Wilkes, George Klecko, Teresa Slusars, Anna Kukucka, Esther Thayer.

Standing: Euclid LaRocque, Connie Pelis, Mitchell Backiel, Mrs. Spakowski, John Maslowski, James Smith, Harold Lizak.

Not in Picture: William Korza, Leonard Majeski.

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On September 8, twenty-two students entered Smith Academy as Freshmen. They elected these class officers: president, George Klocko; vice president, Mitchell Backiel; treasurer, William Korza; secretary, Theresa Wilkes; and Student Council representative, James Smith. Mrs. Spakowski was class advisor. They also voted to have class dues of 80 cents a month. After much discussion about the annual Freshmen dance, it was decided to hold the affair on April 29, with Peter Adamcik's Orchestra furnishing the music. With good cooperation from the upper-classmen, the dance was a great success.

## Informal Snapshots



- 1—Food!  
2—Old Friends  
3—Music and Relaxation

- 4—Guess Who?  
5—Valentine Party  
6—Betsold, age 13  
7—What smiles!!!

- 8—Aren't I cute?  
9—My Dessert . . . .  
10—Hubba! Hubba!

Bernard Saydlowski  
Walter Moskowitz  
Patricia Mullins  
Roger Wendoloski  
Edward Betsold  
Barbara Ryan



# ACTIVITIES

## Student Council



Seated: Robert Widelo, Virginia Yarrows, James Smith.

Standing: Patricia Mullins, Bernard Saydlowski, Roger Wendoloski, Mrs. Spakowski.

On September 22, the newly elected Student Council members met to elect officers. Bernard Saydlowski was elected president; Chester Foster, vice president; and Roger Wendoloski, secretary-treasurer. The other members were Patricia Mullins, Virginia Yarrows, Robert Widelo, and James Smith. Mrs. Spakowski was the Student Council advisor for the year.

On September 27, a Council-sponsored magazine campaign was started. In the campaign which was a financial success, the students represented both the Curtis and the Crowell-Collier Publishing Company.

Several meetings were held to decide what would be done with the money obtained from the magazine campaign. It was finally decided to give a Christmas Party for S. A. students and faculty. After much hard work with preparations, the Council held the party on December 22. It turned out to be a social success. The main

feature of the affair was a talent show followed by refreshments, carol singing, and the appearance of the traditional Santa Claus with gifts.

On April 1, the Student Council presented to the student body the motion picture, "The Sullivans," which was apparently enjoyed by all.

During the year, the Council helped to run several other projects, one of which was the dances after the basketball games. Another project was the Good Government Day elections which were held on January 14. The annual Prize Speaking Contest on May 10 was again sponsored by this worthy organization.

The last Council venture of the year was the "Smith Academy June Jubilee," a semiformal dance held in the Memorial Town Hall on June 10. This colorful combination prom and alumni homecoming was well-attended, and proved to be as great a success as all the other projects sponsored by the Council this year.

## Thespians



### WHO WOULDN'T BE CRAZY?

In the Memorial Town Hall, on November 5, the Thespians presented their annual play, a three-act farce called "Who Wouldn't Be Crazy?" The play, with action taking place in the courtyard of a sanitarium, was centered around the complications in the life of "Speedy Marshall," played with great versatility by Roger Wendoloski. The role of Mr. Marshall, president of the board of directors, and also Speedy's father, was played by Bernard Saydlowski, whose performance showed dignity and a sense of humor.

Most of the humor was provided by Edward Betsold, who delighted the audience with his portrayal of Pluribus, the colored boy known as general utility man. He was assisted in his comedy lines by Dorothy Goodwin, as Pendie, the colored maid. The scenes with Pluribus and Pendie proved to be the highlights of the evening.

Patricia Mullins and Joyce Cantwell, cast as head nurse and superintendent of the sanitarium, played their parts with authority and provided balance in some of the hilarious scenes.

Cast as the eccentric "Inmate No. 1," revealed eventually as the villain, Walter Moskowicz gave a colorful performance. As his accomplice, Ann Kennedy, in the role of "Inmate No. 2,"

gave a clever impersonation in a fluttery rattle-brained manner.

Katherine O'Neal, as Lois Meredith, the girl in Speedy's life, gave a charming performance, and Phyllis Kochan, Dorothea Fortsch, and Janet Vollinger impersonated young friends of Lois with enthusiasm and gaiety. Donald Jandzinski, in the role of Reggie, an admirer of Lois, also contributed many comedy lines. Virginia Yarrows showed skill in her performance as the wistful young heiress, Evelyn Winslow, and John Barrett gave a good performance as Edward Gordon, Evelyn's long-lost fiance. As "Hardboiled McCafferty," the cop, Francis Godin gave a splendid portrayal, with the comic and the serious well-balanced in each scene in which he appeared.

Prompting was done by Carole Howard, Barbara Ryan, Carol Levitre, Mary Belden, Helen Backiel and Eleanor Vollinger.

The play, directed by Miss Ryan, was for the benefit of the Senior Class, whose advisor, Mrs. Florence Muller, had charge of finances. Music was presented between acts under the direction of Miss Boyle, music supervisor. Programs were typed and mimeographed in the commercial department under the direction of Mrs. Pruzynski.

## Pro Merito



Barbara Ryan, Mary Belden, and Bernard Saydlowski, accompanied by Miss Ryan and Mr. Jakobek, attended the annual ball convention held at Northampton High School, Saturday, October 16. They were greeted by Miss Beatrice Litchfield, Pro Merito advisor of the Northampton group.

Following registration, the visiting students were taken on a tour of the building. During this time a meeting of principals and advisors was held at which plans were discussed to aid Pro Merito students to get together for talking over problems and exchanging ideas. Joan MacRae of Northampton High School presided over the general business meeting of student delegates. All business was taken care of and then there

was an open forum on problems, such as Pro Merito activities in the school, special privileges for honor students, and a state-wide induction ceremony.

After luncheon a program featuring the light comedy, "The Romancers," by Edward Rostord was presented by members of the Northampton chapter. Another interesting performer on the program was Joan Houston, chanteuse, playing her own guitar accompaniments. Dick Tracy, another 'Hamp student, and Francis Pratt, an alumnus of N. H. S., gave clever impersonations of Jimmy Durante, Ted Lewis, Candy Kanden, and Red Ingal with the assistance of fine recordings. This program brought to a close a very successful and enjoyable convention.

## School Paper



Seated: Patricia Mullins, Virginia Yarrows, Kay O'Neal, Teresa Nartowicz, Barbara Ryan, Dorothea Fortsch, Joyce Cantwell, Carol Levitre, Ann Kennedy, Phyllis Kochan, Eleanor Vollinger

Standing: Janet Vollinger, Mary Belden, Miss Ryan, Carole Howard, Phyllis Pelis, Helen Backiel, Bernard Saydlowski, Roger Wendoloski, Walter Moskowicz, Mrs. Pruzinski, Edward Betsold, John Barrett.

Not in Picture: Chester Foster.

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In September all interested individuals who wished to serve on the *Purple and White Echo* staff met in the assembly. At this time the following staff was appointed: editor-in-chief, Bernard Saydlowski; associate editor, Carole Howard; art editors, Edward Betsold and Dorothea Fortsch; literary editors, Ann Kennedy and Joyce Cantwell; feature editors, Virginia Yarrows, Patricia Mullins, and Mary Belden; sports editor, Kay O'Neal; reporters, Barbara Ryan, Roger Wendoloski, Janet Vollinger, Phyllis Kochan and Eleanor Vollinger; business managers, Walter Moskowicz and Carol Levitre; and typists Helen Backiel, Phyllis Pelis, John Barrett and Teresa Nartowicz. Mrs. Pruzinski and Miss Ryan were appointed as staff advisors.

This year several new sections have been added to the school paper. Among these are: a French page supplied by the French classes; Physical Education, contributed by Mr. Symancyk; Music covered by Ann Kennedy; and *On the*

*Rialto*, an exchange column, written by Patricia Mullins. The *Echo* has become a much larger magazine, for there has been much more art work in our issues, as well as the additional sections.

The majority of the staff attended the WMISP fall and winter conventions held at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and at Commerce High School in Springfield. The conventions proved to be entertaining as well as educational and were enjoyed by all the delegates.

At the May 13 convention held at the University of Massachusetts, Carol Levitre was elected corresponding secretary of the Western Mass. League of School Publications. At the same convention the *Purple and White Echo* won the cup awarded for general excellence in the non-letter press class. Let us hope that this cup remains within the walls of Smith Academy permanently.



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BERNARD SAYDLOWSKI



PHYLLIS KOCHAN



GEORGE KLOCKO

## We Point With Pride

We point with pride to the four students pictured above. They have been chosen by the faculty as the students from their respective classes who have done the most for the school this year. Edward Betsold has been the president of his class, president of the Thespians, has served on the school paper and yearbook staffs, and has participated in all our sports; Bernard Saydlowski, a Pro Merito student, has been the editor-in-chief of the school paper, associate editor of the yearbook, a Thespian with a part

in the Senior play, co-chairman of the Good Government Day program, and president of the Student Council; Phyllis Kochan, a Thespian, had a part in the Senior play, has served on the school paper, and has been on the girls' basketball team; George Klocko has participated in all our sports and was the president of his class. These students have unselfishly given their time and talents to make this a successful school year. To them we point with pride.

## Prize Speaking

On May 10 the annual prize speaking contest was held at the Memorial Town Hall. The Juniors, participating in this contest, were George Coor, Donald Jandzinski, Robert Widelo, John Barrett, Bernard Saydlowski, Antoinette Neilson, Joan Moriarty, Mary Belden, Dorothea Fortsch, and Ann Kennedy. George Coor's subject, "The Mighty Babe Ruth" was a touching story about the great ball player; Antoinette Neilson's topic, "What This Country Means To Me" told what America means from a Negro's viewpoint; Donald Jandzinski, in his selection, described the activities of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Joan Moriarty gave a very humorous account of her subject, "The Tooth, The Whole Tooth"; Robert Widelo had a serious selection concerning Democracy, his topic being "America for Americans"; Mary Belden's

topic, "Judith of 1864," was a historical one taking place during the Civil War times; "Friendship," the title of John Barrett's selection, was about how one can get along in the world with everyone; Dorothea Fortsch's choice, "Boots," was in the form of a story. It was a very interesting story about how a boy proved himself worthy of being called a "man"; "The Facts That Must Prevent War," Bernard Saydlowski's selection, reminded us all of the seriousness of the world situation today; Ann Kennedy gave a very comical and delightful interpretation of her topic, "The Ransom of Red Chief." The first prizes went to Joan Moriarty and Bernard Saydlowski and Ann Kennedy and John Barrett received the second prizes. Patricia Mullins entertained with a piano solo and the evening closed with the singing of the school song.

## Physical Education

The close of this year will mark the second year since a broad physical education program was inaugurated. For all general purposes of physical education, as recognized here in Hatfield, we can rightly assume it to be a procedure used in education to bring out useful changes in human conduct, to the end that a more wholesome and better integrated personality results. In other words, the object of physical education then becomes identical with the purposes of all education. It aims at the same general outcomes as do the other departments in the school system. In the main, it must be considered educational, the differences being the content used, the methods developed to teach the selected content, and the scope and extent of the results.

From the preceding discussion of our aims in physical education, we can justify ourselves in stating that we have overcome a good many obstacles which faced us regarding the institution of this comprehensive program of physical education to the extent that it has been modified somewhat to conform with our needs at the present time. In a real sense, progress has been made. Many fundamental skills in basketball, for instance, have been developed during the

winter season. Similarly, development of certain attitudes toward physical activity, particularly toward competitive play tendencies, has been realized in such games as basketball, softball, baseball, soccer, badminton, and volley ball. The conduct of the boys and girls is standardized to a certain extent. Perhaps our greatest disappointment in the proper carrying out of this modified program was the inability of the town to provide the necessary lockers and showers, as well as the storage space for the storing of athletic supplies.

One desirable feature of the winter season was the basketball tournament which concluded a very creditable year of activities held indoors. The majority of students—both in the high school and grammar school—manifested keen interest in tournaments of this kind. It is the earnest desire of this writer to schedule more tournaments in basketball as well as in volley ball, badminton, and other minor activities.

However, with another year approaching, it is hoped that such facilities may materialize and that a more uniform schedule of all controlling factors of our physical education program may be realized.

*John F. Symanczyk*

## Soccer

Smith Academy did not enjoy a very successful season in soccer this year, losing eight games and tying one. The boys, however, tried their hardest to give a good performance and, considering that eight of them were Freshmen, gave quite a creditable showing. The team was invited to participate in the Western Massachusetts Soccer Tournament and put up a good fight, losing to Monson High by a score of 4-0.

### WASHINGTON TRIP

We visited the Congressional Library, where we saw the smallest book in the world, the gold plated rotunda dome, the original Declaration of Independence, and the United States Constitution.

On Monday, April 18, most of us were up before the sun. (Yes, it did rain that morning.) After a satisfying breakfast in our private dining room, we boarded a motor coach that carried us to the Smithsonian and New National Museums. We spent most of the morning in these buildings. The girls enjoyed the inaugural gowns of the wives of the presidents; the boys were impressed by the Spirit of St. Louis and the other mechanical gadgets. We really didn't have enough time to see everything. Our next stop was the Mellon Art Gallery. Here we saw some of the world's most beautiful and treasured paintings. Some of us enjoyed listening to a concert orchestra rehearsing. After consuming a hearty lunch, we started for Annapolis. The ride through the Maryland countryside was long, but very beautiful. We were very disappointed that we were unable to see the Naval Cadets drilling, but to our delight we found a submarine that had just docked, the sailors (the crew) posed for pictures and chatted with some of us. While at the academy we went through the beautiful chapel and viewed the tomb of John Paul Jones, which is surrounded by a solid gold rope. We also stopped at Bancroft Hall and the gymnasium.

In the evening most of us went to the theatre, where we had to stand in line an hour. The show was very good. Everyone was very weary that evening, but no one dared lie down for fear he would fall asleep immediately. That night a party from Middletown, Conn., arrived. We stayed up until three o'clock getting acquainted—that is, talking out the windows, and trying to dodge the water that was being thrown down from the floor above. Finally, after most of the water in Washington was used up and everyone was wet, we fell into bed and slept soundly until about 8:30 the next morning.

Following a rushed breakfast, we boarded the bus for the Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

Led by Co-captains Don Jandzinski and Chester Foster, and coached by John Symanczyk of the faculty, the team consisted of Leonard Lizek, Giles Kellogg, Leonard Majeskey, George Klocko, Billy Korza, Connie Pelis, Harold Lizek, Henry Kabat, Alvin Rejniak, Edward Betsold, and Robert Hojnoski. Betsold and Rejniak are the only Seniors lost through graduation, so we are looking forward to a banner season next year.

After waiting in line for some time with other schools and tourists, we were finally taken through the buildings by a guide who explained the printing of United States money and postage stamps. The tour was interesting, and we so wanted to take a few samples back with us! Our bus next took us to the Pan-American Union, one of the most beautiful buildings in Washington. Our last stop before lunch was the Washington Monument, where we viewed the entire city and surrounding country from the top, 500 feet above the ground.

After an early breakfast Wednesday morning, we were taken to the Union Station, where we boarded a B. & O. train and departed from the great city of Washington. The time passed swiftly and we were soon in New York City once again. A motor coach took us directly to the Taft Hotel on 7th Avenue (a very small hotel, approximately 2,000 rooms). In the afternoon we attended the matinee performance at Radio City Music Hall.

Following a delicious dinner at the Down Under Restaurant in Radio City, we were taken on a guided tour through the National Broadcasting Studios. After this we visited the Observation Roof of Rockefeller Center where, 77 stories above the street, we saw New York City by night, including the George Washington Bridge, the Hudson River, Jersey Shore line, East River and the Empire State Building.

Thursday morning we were free to do as we pleased. Most of the girls went shopping in New York's popular stores such as Gimble's and Macy's, but most of the boys went "sight-seeing." After lunch in the Down Under Restaurant we boarded our bus, bag and baggage, and were taken on a tour of down-town New York, including the Bowery, Chinatown, and Wall Street. The tour ended at Grand Central station at 5:25 P. M., where we made ourselves comfortable on our homeward bound train. Most of us were rather sorry the trip was coming to an end, but when we arrived in Northampton, shortly after 9:00 P. M., we were glad to see the familiar sights, and a tired group spread out and left for their homes, eager to "hit the hay."

## Boys' Basketball



Standing: R. Widelo, R. Jablonski, M. Backiel, G. Klocko, W. Korza, C. Pelis, E. Betsold, E. Staszko, Coach Cassidy.

Seated: Manager Barrett, H. Kabat, Co-Capt. Foster, R. Hojnoski, Co-Capt. Moskowicz, D. Jandzinski, Asst. Mgr. Majeski.

Not in picture: G. Coor, T. Prushnal.

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Smith Academy opened its basketball season under a new coach, Edward R. Cassidy of the faculty. Although the Smith boys finished in last place in the Hampshire League this year, they always fought to the last and gave the spectators a good performance every time. The final count showed that the S. A. boys had two wins out of twenty-one starts.

Although this record is not too impressive, one must remember that success is not measured in wins and losses alone. Coach Cassidy and his boys practiced good sportsmanship at all times and the season was profitable to all. Since most of our players were Freshmen or Sophomores, this fact is all the more appreciated.

A number of young players on this year's squad improved remarkably towards the end of the

season. Billy Korza, a Freshman, turned out to be one of the high scorers of the team. Bobby Hojnoski, a Sophomore, has improved rapidly and will be an established star next year. Walter Moskowicz, a Senior, was one of Smith's most outstanding defencemen in recent years; not one of his opposing centers made more than two baskets in any one game. George Klocko, Eugene Staszko, and Tommy Prucnal, Freshmen; and Henry Kabat and Don Jandzinski, Sophomores, are other players who should form the nucleus of a team that will be a top contender for the Hampshire League championship. Only two players, Walter Moskowicz and Edward Betsold, will be lost through graduation. Co-captains this year were Walter Moskowicz and Chester Foster.

## Girls' Basketball



Kneeling: Phyllis Kochan, Marilyn Pelc, Teresa Nartowicz, Dorothy Goodwin, Teresa Wilkes, Patricia Mason.

Standing: Alice Cybulski, Manager, Virginia Yarrows, Patricia Mullins, Mary Belden, Nancy Barsh, Mrs. Muller.

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A surprisingly large number of girls volunteered for basketball. Freshmen, as well as Sophomores and Juniors, helped the Seniors to form a team, and were all swell sports. Because of lack of transportation, the Smith Academy girls were unable to carry out so full a schedule as they wanted to. In spite of this, however, they played six games with teams from nearby towns. Although the schedule did not include all victories, the games were fun. Under the very capable direction of Mrs. Muller, the girls played an excellent brand of basketball and showed what a school their size could do in the field of girls' sports.

The first game with the old rival, Hopkins, proved to be the most exciting one of the season. The S. A. team seemed to have the lead throughout most of the game, but because of the vigor and pep of the Hopkins girls, the decision was in doubt until the last second. In the last three

minutes the score was a tie and then by the skill of one of the S. A. girls, a basket was made to break the score at a victory of 28-26.

S. A. girls' basketball team was composed of the following players: Pat Mullins, Teresa Nartowicz, Pat Mason, and Marilyn Pelc as forwards; Virginia Yarrows, Mary Belden, and Phyllis Kochan as guards. Nancy Barsh, Dorothy Goodwin, Theresa Wilkes, and Betty Brown were subs. Managers for the team were Alice Cybulski and Lucy Zawacki.

### Summary

Smith Academy	28	Hopkins	26
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Smith Academy	24	St. Michael's	13
Smith Academy	43	St. Michael's	28
Smith Academy	29	Hamp High	58
Smith Academy	18	Hamp High	61

School Activities



## Classes



## Seniorscope

Name	Ambition	Likes	Dislikes	Weakness
Edward Betsold	Second Bob Hope	School? Studying?	Homework	"Jean"
Robert Breor	Airplane Pilot	Hadley—National Guard	Problems—School	"Pat"
Alice Cybulski	Telephone Operator	Fords—Phone calls	Getting up mornings	"Barney"
Nancy Holley	Nurse	Dancing—Romancing	Gossip—Being broke	Convertibles
Carole Howard	Wave	Flirting—Dates	No phone calls	Men
Irene Maciorowski	Dancing Instructor	Food—Dark nights	Teasing	Tall men
Walter Meskowicz	Lawyer	Boxing—Speaking	Subways—missing trains	"Eileen"
Patricia Mullins	Phys. Ed. Instructor	Basketball—French?	Pests	Red Convertibles
Teresa Nartowicz	Secretary	Riverside—Square dances	Staying home—Men???	"Ray"
Katherine O'Neal	Bookkeeper	June brides—'36 Plymouths	Being insulted	"George"
Alvin Rejniak	Bartender	Friday night parties	Soda??—Milk??	"Jean"
Barbara Ryan	Nurse	French fries—Phone calls	Being teased	"Freddy"
Mildred Toczko	Private Secretary	New York City—dances	Homework	Traveling
Roger Wendoloski	Writer	"Wine, women and song"	Everything	Women
Virginia Yarrowes	Nurse	Cheeseburgers	Fishing	"Ted"
Lucy Zawacki	Stenographer	Giggling—tall men	Flirts	Eating

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